

IV. COMMENTS

A. Amendments to Specification and drawings

The drawings, changes have been made in red (see attached drawings.) The amendment to the specifications have been made pursuant to the requests of the Examiner.

B. Amendments to Claims

The Examiner has made requested amendments to the claims pursuant to 35 USC 112. Such amendments have been made as much as possible, although one or two were not made such as the placement of a comma after "cover" in claims 1 and 2. On the other hand, all claims have been amended in view of the references cited under 35 USC 102.

C. Argument

Applicant maintains that the claims as amended distinguish over the art cited. It is noted that while the references cited do demonstrate the deployment of an opening in the bandage to inject medicine (with a covering flap), none show the use of a perimeter (ring like or other entity) member surrounding the bottom of the opening (such as a bottom projecting ring or similar member) to confine the medication to the area around the opening. Without such confinement means medication would tend to spread to other areas of the skin-and not remain concentrated around the opening. The use of the prior art devices are set forth without such surrounding confinement areas and the medication would thus tend to seep to all areas of the skin under the bandage and to areas outside of the bandage or away from the targeted area of the skin.

V. CONCLUSION

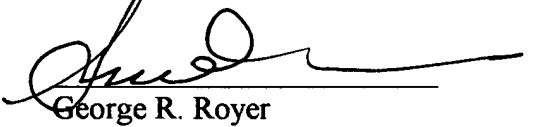
In conclusion, it is urged that the subject invention is ready for allowance.

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